

EASTER PARADE

J. & P. COATS "KNIT-CRO-SHEEN," Mercerized Cotton, Art. A. 64: 1 ball each of No. 1 White, No. 10-A Canary Yellow and No. 46-A Mid Rose.

Steel Crochet Hook, Size 7.

Wallpaper paste, ¾" plastic rings, ¼" wide soft cardboard strips, styrofoam to hold decoration, plastic egg-mold and 3½" styrofoam egg-mold.

Decorate or fill items with artificial flowers, ornaments and trimmings of your choice, or jelly beans or candies.

ITEMS A, B and C

Top: Using Rose for A, White for B and C, ch 4. **Rnd 1:** Make 13 dc in 4th ch from hook. Join with sl st to top of ch-4. **Rnd 2:** Ch 1, sc in joining, * ch 5, sc in next dc. Repeat from * around, end with ch 2, dc in first sc—14 loops. **Rnds 3-5:** Ch 1, sc in loop just formed, * ch 5, sc in next loop. Repeat from * around, end with ch 2, dc in first sc. **Rnd 6:** Ch 1, sc in loop just formed, ch 2, * sc in next loop, ch 2. Repeat from * around. Join to first sc. **Rnd 7:** Ch 5, * dc in next sc, ch 2. Repeat from * around. Join to 3rd ch of ch-5. Break off and fasten.

Bottom: Work as for Top until Rnd 4 has been completed, then

repeat Rnds 6 and 7.

Stand: Make 42 sc over plastic ring. Join, break off.

To complete, see Stiffening and Finishing. For B: Shape styrofoam to fit Top and Bottom; glue in place. Place a 3" stick between Top and Bottom.

ITEM D

Top: Using White and leaving an 8" end, ch 4. **Rnd 1:** Make 6 dc in 4th ch from hook. Join with sl st to top of ch-4. **Rnd 2:** Ch 3, (2 dc in next dc, dc in following dc) 3 times. Join to top of ch-3. **Rnd 3:** Ch 3, (2 dc in next dc, dc in following dc) 4 times; dc in last dc. Join—14 dc, counting ch-3 as 1 dc. **Rnds 4-9:** Repeat Rnds 2-7 of Top of A. Break off. **Rnd 10:** With right side facing and keeping sps of last Rnd in back of work, work along ch-2 sps as follows: Attach thread to any ch-2 sp, ch 3, make 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, * 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 1. Repeat from * around. Join, break off. With the 8" end ch 4, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 ch sts, sl st in tip of Top for loop. Break off.

Bottom and Stand: Using White, work same as A.

Hat (to fit ½" bead): Rnd 1: Ch 4, 11 dc in 4th ch from hook. Join to top of ch-4. Rnd 2: Ch 3, working in back loop only, dc in next dc and in each remaining dc around. Join. Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in joining, * ch 4, sc in next dc. Repeat from * around, end with ch 2, h dc in first sc. Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in loop just formed, ch 3, * sc in next loop, ch 3. Repeat from * around. Join, break off.

Sew bead to loop, paint eyes and mouth, glue hat in place on bead. Using white pipe cleaners, form arms and sew below tip of Top as shown.

To complete, see Stiffening and Finishing.

ITEM E

Basket: Using Yellow, work as for Bottom of A. Do not break off. Handle: Row 1: Ch 5, dc in next dc on basket. Ch 5, turn. Rows 2-10: Skip first 2 ch of previous ch-5, dc in next ch. Ch 5,

turn. Leaving a $6^{\prime\prime}$ end, break off and sew end to corresponding sts on basket.

Stand: Work same as A.

To complete, see Stiffening and Finishing.

ITEM F

Bottom: With Yellow, ch 4. **Rnd 1:** Make 11 dc in 4th ch from hook. Join with sl st to top of ch-4. **Rnd 2:** Ch 3, dc in joining, 2 dc in each dc around. Join to top of ch-3—24 dc, counting ch-3 as 1 dc. **Rnds 3-7:** Repeat Rnds 2-4 of Top of A having 24 loops; then repeat Rnds 6 and 7.

Top: Ch 12, join with sl st to form ring. **Rnd 1:** Ch 3, dc in joining, 2 dc in each remaining ch around. Join to top of ch-3. Starting with Rnd 3, complete as for Bottom.

To complete, see Stiffening and Finishing.

ITEM G

Back: With Rose, work as for Bottom of F.

Front: Starting at front opening, ch 48. Join with sl st to form ring. **Rnd 1:** Ch 1, sc in joining, * ch 5, skip next ch, sc in next ch. Repeat from * around, end with ch 2, dc in first sc to form last loop—24 loops. **Rnds 2-4:** Repeat Rnds 3, 6 and 7 of Top of A. **Stand:** Work same as A.

To complete, see Stiffening and Finishing.

STIFFENING

Use plastic egg for A,B,C,D and E; use styrofoam egg for F and G.

How to Prepare Paste: Pour ½ cup of water into a clean container. Stir 1 tablespoon of wallpaper paste powder, a little at a time, into water. Stir well until smooth. Dip crocheted pieces into paste and let paste penetrate through thread. Squeeze out excess paste.

For A,B,C,D and E: Place dipped sections over plastic egg, being careful that edges meet. For F and G: Cover styrofoam with piece of plastic to prevent sticking. Place dipped sections over form and secure with rust-proof pins, being careful that edges meet. For All Styles: Leave until completely dry. If edges of Top and Bottom stick together, run your fingernail between sections to separate. Do not stiffen stand.

FINISHING

Sew Stand to Bottom. For A,D and F: Using cardboard strip, form a band to fit inside top edge of Bottom and glue lower edge to inside top edge of Bottom with %" of band showing. For G: Glue Front to Back.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch chain	sl st slip stitch
sc single crochet	sp(s) space(s)
h dc half double crochet	st(s) stitch(es)
dc double crochet	rndround

*Repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

() Do what is in parentheses the number of times specified.